

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the amendment to the claims and the remarks presented herein.

The claims in the application are claims 1 to 3, 5, 6, 8 to 10 and 14, all other claims being cancelled. Claim 1 is now combined with claims 4 and 7. It is believed that all the claimed features are illustrated in the single drawing presented. Claim 1 has been further amended to refer to "an inner wall".

Claims 1 to 10 and 14 stand rejected under 35 USC 102 being anticipated by the Ohata et al patent which according to the Examiner discloses a disclosure similar device comprising

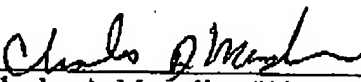
- an elastic sealing disk running around with an outer bearing ring or a housing, having a reinforcement and positionally fixed with positive engagement in a receptacle or an annular groove
- the sealing disk engaging with a flexible seal in a recess of an inner bearing ring and being supported by means of a sealing edge on a wall
- the first sealing lip is supported axially on the outer wall of the recess with play and a second sealing lip is assigned to the inner wall of the recess with play and
- a mass of the first sealing lip forming a center of mass, which, in a fitted position of the

sealing arrangement, is offset in relation to a supporting line determined by the sealing disk so that the centrifugal force acting at the center of mass initiates a force component acting in the clockwise direction.

Applicants traverse this ground of rejection since amended claim 1 shows a second sealing lip which is attached inside a relief groove with backlash to a wall which is vertically mounted to the greatest possible extent, a second sealing lip which features a side bolster laterally external on the side turned to the second sealing lip and a sealing shim, of which the first and the second sealing lips are connected above a common sealing lip foot. Therefore, Ohata et al does not anticipate or render obvious Applicants' invention and withdrawal of this ground of rejection is requested.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the above remarks, it is believed that the claims point out Applicants' invention. Therefore, favorable reconsideration of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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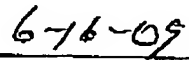
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